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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL IRA WIDENS TARGET LIST

1. ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) TERMINATED ITS WEEK OF DISRUPTIVE PROTESTS OVER PRISON BRUTALITY SEPTEMBER 20 AFTER PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATED ONE-MILLION POUNDS STERLING. PROVISIONAL IRA LONDONDERRY BRIGADE SEPTEMBER 21 WARNED THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER 28 PRISON OFFICERS, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES IN PRISONS, WORKERS AT ARMY BASES WOULD BE REGARDED AS "TARGETS". IN THE PAST WEEK THERE HAVE BEEN EIGHT FIRE-BOMB ATTACKS AND TWO SHOOTING ATTACKS ON THE HOMES OF PRISON GUARDS, PRIMARILY IN THE LISBURN AND BELFAST AREAS. ALL GUARDS APPLYING FOR WEAPONS TO BE CARRIED OFF-DUTY HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED THEM.

2. PROVISIONAL THREAT HAS DRAWN CONDEMNATION IN STRONGEST TERMS YET FROM ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF DERRY DR. EDWARD DALY. HE STOPPED SHORT HOWEVER OF WARNING OF ECCLESIASTICAL SANCTIONS. UDA HAS WARNED THAT PROVISIONAL IRA ACTIONS COULD BRING ON "MASS SECTARIAN REPRISALS".

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3. ISSUE OF CONVERSION OF CONVICTED TERRORISTS FROM POLITICAL

TO CRIMINAL STATUS HAS BECOME IMMEDIATE. THERE AT LEAST THREE  
PROVISIONAL IRA MEN CONVICTED FOR CRIMES COMMITTED AFTER MARCH  
1 DADLINE AND ONE MEMBER (PROTESTANT) ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS  
CONVICTED. ONE OF THE PROVISIONALS CONVICTED, KIERAN NUGENT, IS  
RESISTING APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL STATUS. HE IS INCARCERATED  
IN CELL AT LONG KESH/MAZE BUT HAS REFUSED TO WORK AND WEARS A  
BLANKET RATHER THAN PRISON CLOTHING. PROVISIONAL REPUBLICAN  
MOVEMENT IS RUNNING "DEFEND POLITICAL STATUS" PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN  
WITH NUGENT AS CENTERPIECE.  
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